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In Re Application of:
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Title: RESORBABLE ANASTOMOSIS STENTS AND PLUGS AND THEIR USE IN PATIENTS

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated November 2, 2001, transmitted herewith for filing are the following documents:

1. a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts;
2. two Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney forms signed by the inventors;
3. a Blanket Petition for Extension of Time and Authorization to Charge or Credit Deposit Account;
4. an Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR § 1.97, Forms PTO-1449, and copies of cited reference; and
5. a check in the amount of \$2,406 to cover the required fees (surcharge, \$130; statutory basic filing fee, \$740; additional claim fees, \$1,536).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-0580. **A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.**

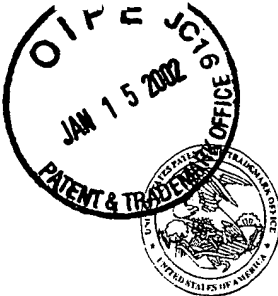
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ ~~740~~¹⁵²⁸ to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1528.
 - \$1368 for 76 total claims over 20.
 - \$160 for 2 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 2368.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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